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DR. MONTGOMERY GIVES LECTURE IN COLLEGE CHAPEL FRIDAY NIGHT

Former William and Mary Professor Guest of
Spotswood Club. Music and Reception

The first of the series of lectures to be held under the auspices of the Spotswood club was given in the College chapel Saturday. A large audience gathered to hear Dr. Walter A. Montgomery who was selected as the first speaker of the series. The speaker of the evening was introduced by Dr. J. S. Wilson, who tendered Dr. Montgomery a very cordial reception.

After stating his deep appreciation for being chosen as first speaker of the series and for the opportunity of speaking again "in the old hall, consecrated to him by six years of most pleasurable work," Dr. Montgomery gave the subject of his address—"Soldiers as Literary Artists."

In part Dr. Montgomery said: "As we turn the pages of history we find numerous examples of men who have combined two personalities—the soldier and the literary artist. After excluding from the list, soldier historian, soldier essayists and soldier memoir writers, there comes prominently to my mind such men as King William III, who gave the charter to our old College; Alexander Spotswood, whose romance and poetry and valorous deeds in 1764 entitle him to a prominent place in this list of soldiers as literary artist; Ben Johnson (rare Ben), Cervantes and Aeschylus. But, in the main, my theme deals with two men: Cervantes, the romantic, the comedian, the christian; Aeschylus, the classical, the tragical, the pagan."

Dr. Montgomery gave in part the history of Aeschylus' life, touching upon his humble birth, his love for Greece, and his noble and heroic deeds in the Persian wars, at the battles of Salamis, Plataea and Marathon. The speaker brought out clearly that Aeschylus thought himself a soldier and not a literary genius, though he produced seventy plays, eleven of which we count amongst our treasures. He spoke of the professional jealousy of the great Grecian tragedist and his latter life with King Heno of Syracuse, where he wrote several of his plays and sent them back to Athens. He said further:

"In diction, form of drama, and thought, Aeschylus, the soldier lit-

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Those in the receiving line were Mrs. T. H. Geddy, Mrs. R. L. Spencer, Mrs. H. D. Cole and Mrs. L. W. Lane, Jr.

The Kappa Sigma colors—red, green and white—were most artistically carried out in the decorations, and in the refreshments.

Misses Mary Ware Galt, Katharine Geddy, Virginia Peachy and Mary Branch Spencer presided most graciously at the two punch tables, while Misses Emily Hall, Elbert Moncure, Laura Spencer and Margarette Roberts served the cream and cake and other refreshments.

Those enjoying the charming hospitality of the chapter were heartily of the opinion that the reception was the most unique and attractive function of the social season.

erary artist, is without a peer."

The life history of Cervantes was treated in like manner to Aeschylus' by the speaker. He, too, was of humble birth and of great soldier courage. Dr. Montgomery spoke at length concerning the career of Cervantes as a soldier and of his ill fortune in life. He portrayed very vividly the general appearance of this man that asked, tho' suffering with fever, for the most dangerous post in the battle.

Dr. Montgomery laid particular stress upon Cervantes' greatest literary production, "Don Quixote," bringing out very clearly the important part that this Spanish literary genius contributed to the development, of the novel, and of the tremendous success of "Don Quixote." The speaker read as a selection "Don Quixote's death scene" bring out more forcibly the literary talent of Cervantes.

"As Mathew Arnold spoke of Heaven: 'Rapid in movement, plain in thought, simple in idea, and of noble and lofty theme, so are the

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STUDENT VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT TO CONVENE IN KANSAS CITY

William and Mary Sends Three Delegates, Faculty
and Student-Body To Be Represented

Word has gone out for the assembling of the Seventh International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement in Kansas City, December 31 to January 5; and some 800 colleges and universities in North America, from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Vassar, Wellesly, and Smith to the newest self-confident Middle-western coeducational college are eagerly planning and working to send some four thousand delegates to the convention. A Student Volunteer convention is not only the largest and most democratic undergraduate assembly that meets anywhere, but it is the only national or continental convention of college students in America. It is a meeting of representatives from all the colleges of North America, from Saskatchewan to the Southernmost college in Florida, from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to the universities of southern California. No institution of first rank in North America can afford to be unrepresented. William and Mary has arranged to send three delegates, one from the Faculty and two from amongst the students.

REPLY TO 'SPECTATOR'

Editor The Flat Hat,

Dear Sir:

In last week's issue the 'Spectator' barked within the editorial columns at the work of the Athletic Council and mainly at the ability of the president of the Athletic Association. On interview, the Spectator, who is a member of the said council, stated that when he considered the conditions he owed an apology for his rash statement.

The reason why the monograms were not awarded was because of the absence of Dr. Draper, who was enjoying his Thanksgiving vacation. Of course, on reflection, the Spectator realized that the coach has to be present at the council meeting when the question of awarding the monograms is at issue.

Let criticism come, when such is due, but be sure of yourself, before you give journalistic criticism.

P. L. Witchley,

Pres. Athletic Ass'n.

BIG FETE MONDAY NIGHT IN THE COLLEGE GYMNASIUM

Ministerial Students To Provide Red Letter
Holiday Celebration For Town Children

The ministerial students of the College have planned a large Christmas entertainment for the children of Williamsburg to be given in the College gymnasium on the night of Monday Dec. 22nd at 7:45 o'clock. There will be an athletic contest for the boys, including all kinds of races and finishing up with a basketball game between two picked teams. There will also be three or four events in which the girls will take part. In addition to this there will be contributions to the program by various talent in the College itself. And then there will be something to eat for all the children that come, pies, cakes, ice-cream, etc.

The committee having this matter in charge is made up of the ministerial students, two or three members of the College faculty and some of the townspeople. Everybody's cooperation is urgently desired whether they help by giving some of the refreshments, or by small gifts of money or by personal work to make the affair a success. The primary object of the whole entertainment is to spread all the Christmas joy it can over, around and into the hearts of the juvenile population of Williamsburg.

DANCE

There was a dance in the gymnasium Friday night.

PLAY AT CAMERON HALL

On Thursday night the local Odd Fellows will give a comedy in three acts entitled "The Colonel's Maid." The cast is a capable one and a very creditable performance is expected. The proceeds will be devoted to charity.

BASKETBALL

Mr. Lesslie Hall has been helping the basketball squad in Dr. Draper's absence. Capt. Turner now has charge of the candidates and is making very creditable progress.

The team is practicing hard, and is expected to make a good showing against the Howitzers in Richmond Saturday night.

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CHAPEL MUSIC

We have spent over three years as a student here at William and Mary. In that time it has twice been our pleasure to hear patriotic anthems sung at Chapel exercises. Judging from such matters William and Mary might be an American college with American ideals of national patriotism, or it might be situated at South Gehenna Junction or perhaps at the corner of Aurora Borealis and the milky way.

Sacred music indeed has its place in our chapel exercises—a place which other music can not fill. But that it should be sung to the total exclusion of other forms is doubtful. Of the six morning meetings four are devoted wholly to worship. Of the remaining two it seems that at one patriotic music might be in order.

A SQUARE DEAL

There has been considerable dissatisfaction manifested by the students in the boarding department over the steward's refusal to refund any part of the board for the Christmas vacation. Technically the steward is right—the College catalog provides specifically that no deductions will be made for a period less than one month. But where the justice resides in this provision we fail to see; it is a patent case of ask-

ing the students to pay for something they do not receive.

Of course there are certain expenses incident to running the boarding-house which continue during the holidays—rent, servants' wages, etc. But that these expenses could aggregate more than half the amount charged is obviously impossible. To charge more than half, then, is unreasonable. The fact that the steward has the technical right on his side is not sufficient reason for his taking advantage of his boarders. If the amount now charged for board is not ample to permit the steward to conduct the hotel with a reasonable profit, it should be raised. This, however, is contradicted by the fact that under the present regime and at the present charges, the boarding-house has shown a profit.

Therefore it seems to be a clear case of the steward profiting by over one half the amount charged for the two weeks' absence—an arrangement which on the surface is unfair.

CHRISTMAS

And so we are coming again to the Christmas season. Once more the small boy is laboriously spelling out the letter to Santa Claus—the letter which modestly asks for everything—once more the attendance upon the Sunday schools has picked up, once more the college student is figuring out how he can buy fifty-eight presents with a cash capital of \$2.79 and still have enough to buy the loveliest girl in the world a few hundred orchids to wear Christmas day; once more father is wishing that money was made of rubber and would stretch; once more that ancient falsehood which is told by thousands on Christmas day is being hauled out of cover and brushed up for use. "Just what I wanted," yes, that's the worst one some of us have ever told. And once more—but enough, the season comes only once a year and it is a season not of regrets, but of bright thoughts for the present and brighter hopes for the future. It is a season of joy and gladness; a season for the renewing of home ties; a season for the knitting up of severed friendships, truly a season of God's peace and good will to men.

We are getting the oldtime Christmas cheer into our blood and sinews and we want you to have it in yours. Just now, along comes our office boy, carrying under his arm, the office copy of the Koran. "White with the dust of the many years it has decorated our book shelves." He lays it upon our desk and opens it to a place where we read after him "May your gifts be as the waves of the ocean, innumerable; may the joys of the First Heaven be yours and many colors be added to the Rainbow of your happiness." And there is our Christmas wish for

you, friends, one and all. In the end we are thinking we can say it better than that and so we just unite to wish you a real, old-fashioned, Merry Christmas, R. H. G.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

With this issue The Hat suspends publication for the Christmas holidays. The staff extends to its readers most sincere wishes for a cheerful, joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness.

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productions of soldiers who are literary artists" concluded Dr. Montgomery.

The College quartet added considerable to the occasion with a few well-chosen selections. After the address, the Spotswood gave a reception in the Library in honor of Dr. Montgomery, who organized the club in 1909.

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Dear sir:

There are some of us who are rushing through this vale of tears and using all of our spare time to find fault. But I trust, in the matter of this letter, I will not be considered in this class. There is, I think, a matter which should be called to the attention of the student body, and that is the behavior of the men from College in the local postoffice in the late afternoon while waiting for the mail.

Now no one wants to have a good time more than I do but there is a time and a place for it and I think the unselfish men in College will agree with me that the narrow confines of the postoffice do not make it the place. The point I wish to make is that the old-fashioned roughhouse which takes place in the post office EVERY afternoon is becoming a nuisance to the Williamsburg people who wish to get their mail at this time. I have heard more than one complain of it. I think it is up to us to remember that this post office is theirs before it is ours, that the right of unmolested entrance and exit at any time is theirs and that we as gentlemen, must respect their rights and feelings in this matter. I have hastened to make this protest before a formal one shall come from them.

A decent and constant respect for the rights and comfort of others—is that asking too much of any William and Mary man? Let's cut out the disorder in the post office.

"Onlooker."

DR. DRAPER SICK

Dr. D. W. Draper has been confined to his apartments since Thursday with a severe attack of acute indigestion. He is fast getting well and will soon be out.

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COLLEGE GOSSIP

A. W. James spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Williamsburg.

Noan Shockley was in Richmond Saturday on business.

Professor George O. Ferguson delivered a lecture at Seaford.

The Phoenix literary hall has been greatly improved by the work done on its walls and ceiling. The entire room has been completely overhauled with a new coat of plaster and will soon be in fine shape.

"Tubby" Roberts attended the german Friday night.

Most of the boys will spend their holidays at home. Some dozen or more will linger about the campus and dormitories. Most of them live in the southwestern part of the state.

Dr. Clark, of the Faculty and J. Foster Barnes and Clarence Jennings, of the Student-body will attend the national Y. M. C. A. convention which meets in Kansas City early in January.

The College Quartette will sing at Hayes' Store High school Friday night.

E. B. Wells did some work the past week in Norfolk for the Annual.

Tom Tilley was up for the german Friday night.

Mr. Renick asked one of the "Ducs" to sign his card and receive the Annual and the "duc" very modestly asked, "how often is it published?"

J. W. Hedrick will spend Christmas in Burkeville with his uncle.

Did you hear the "Spotswood" lecture by Dr. Montgomery? It was a gem.

The debating council has arranged for a triangular debate between Richmond, Randolph-Macon and William and Mary. The debate will be held Friday night, February 27. The question submitted by William and Mary and accepted by the other two colleges is, "Resolved, That the President of the United States Should be Elected for One Term of Six Years and not be Eligible to Reelection." The representatives for these contests will be chosen in a preliminary contest early in February and the negative side will be argued, in the final contests, at Richmond College, the affirmative at home against Randolph-Macon.

There was a young artist name Hugh

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